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The references listed in the attached Form PTO 1449 were previously submitted by Applicants or else cited by the Examiner in parent applications U.S. Serial No. 09/271,672, abandoned, U.S. Serial No. 09/652.295, abandoned, and U.S. Serial No. 10/021,117, now U.S. Patent No. 6,620,325, which applications are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C.§120. Therefore in accordance with 37 C.F.R.§1.98(d), copies of the references are not submitted herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) containing all of the information in the present IDS was previously filed on September 16, 2003. In the Office Action mailed August 30, 2005, the Examiner has taken the position that the previously-filed IDS failed to comply with 37 C.F.R.§1.98(a)(1). Inasmuch as the previously filed IDS was timely filed and was in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(1) in effect at the time (see 37 C.F.R.§1.98 "[..."paras. (a) and (c) revised and par. (e) removed, 69 FR56481, Sept. 21, 2004, effective Oct. 21, 2004.], no fee is believed due.

Nevertheless, please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or §1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account <u>04-1121</u>. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding and/or a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 are required for the pending application, please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time and/or enter this Information Disclosure Statement as required and charge Deposit Account No. <u>04-1121</u> therefor. TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

The claims of the application as now presented are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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